

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-44 and 46-67. Applicant canceled claim 45 in a previous communication. By the present Supplemental Response, Applicant amends claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 12, 15, 25, 26, 32-44, 50-56, 58, 61, and 63-67 to further clarify the claimed subject matter. Upon entry of the amendments, claims 1-44 and 46-67 will remain pending in the present patent application. Applicant respectfully asserts that all of the pending claims are patentable and in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the pending claims.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for contacting Applicant's representative to expedite prosecution of the present application and for his participation in a telephonic interview with the undersigned representative on October 25, 2005. In this interview, the claims of the present patent application and the prior art of record were generally discussed. Particularly, during the interview and through subsequent communications, Applicant's representative and the Examiner reached an agreement on amendments to claims 55, 56, 58, 61, and 63-67 that more particularly point out and distinctly claim certain subject matter which Applicant regards as his invention. By the present Response, claims 55, 56, 58, 61, and 63-67 are amended in the agreed upon manner. Further, while no *particular* agreement was reached with respect to independent claims 1, 15, 25, 32, 41, and 50, the Examiner and Applicant's representative generally discussed the potential for amending these claims in a manner consistent with the amendments agreed upon with respect to independent claims 55, 58, and 61. Accordingly, by the present Response, Applicant has also amended independent claims 1, 15, 25, 32, 41, and 50, as provided above. In view of the previous remarks made in the Response filed October 11, 2005, the interview of October 25, 2005, and the present amendments, claims 1-44 and 46-67 are believed allowable over the prior art of record and in condition for allowance. For these

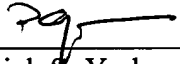
reasons, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the outstanding rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and allowance of all pending claims.

Conclusion

In view of the remarks and amendments set forth above, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the pending claims. If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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